

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### HONORING KATHY KANE AND THE TRENTON TRIB

#### HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 18, 2022

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kathy Kane on the occasion of her retirement from the Trenton Trib, where she has served as Business Manager and Co-Publisher for over twelve years. Her significant contributions and service to our community are worthy of commendation.

Ms. Kane received her Bachelor of Science in Hospitality and Marketing from Central Michigan University. She was co-publisher of the Trenton Trib, which was founded in 2009 in response to community concerns about the lack of a hometown newspaper. In addition to her work in journalism, Ms. Kane is also the President of Market Insights LLC, a company that creates and implements marketing strategies for businesses and organizations.

The Trenton Trib and the Island Beacon has served a variety of local institutions with its varied and engaging reporting. In the years since its founding, it has become a multifaceted news organization and has presented the news that matters to the citizens of Trenton and Downriver. From the latest in high school sports to breaking development news to highlighting local businesses, the Trib could always be counted on to write about the things that our neighbors cared about. Along with co-publisher Joe Hoshaw, they brought news to the people of Downriver. The Trenton Trib ceased publication at the end of 2021, but their impact on the community will last for years to come.

As an involved community member, Ms. Kane is a member of the Trenton Business Association, Trenton Rotary, Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber, and the Downriver Business Association. She is known for her broad insight and marketing expertise, as well as her kindness and friendly demeanor. Her commitment to Southeast Michigan and our local news cannot be understated. She continues to reside in Downriver with her husband Matthew and sons Dustin and Timothy.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Kathy Kane. We are grateful for her years spent at the Trenton Trib and her dedication to the residents of southeastern Michigan. I join with Kathy's family, friends, and colleagues in extending my best wishes to her in retirement.

### CONGRATULATING DEBORAH HEART AND LUNG CENTER ON THEIR 100TH ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. ANDY KIM

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 18, 2022

Mr. KIM of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Deborah Heart and

Lung Center on their 100th anniversary. Deborah is a true leader for cardiovascular and pulmonary care throughout the state with a mission of providing quality care to our community and beyond.

One hundred years ago, the hospital started as a tuberculosis and pulmonary center. As advancements in antibiotics led to the eradication of tuberculosis, Deborah began to concentrate on other chest diseases.

Today, Deborah serves as New Jersey's only specialty heart hospital and has become a cornerstone of compassionate care in our region. Deborah maintains a distinguished reputation for educating the next generation through one of the largest cardiac teaching fellowship programs in the country, and consistently debuts innovative cardiac treatments through their clinical research department.

In addition to serving as New Jersey's "safety net" hospital, providing unparalleled care to residents of all twenty-one New Jersey counties, Deborah in its 100 years has treated 2.3 million patients from every county in the state and from 87 countries throughout the world.

From the beginning, Deborah's medical treatment was provided by a staff known for their compassion and medical excellence. At a time when millions of Americans are making the tough decisions between keeping food on the table and healthcare, Deborah has never issued a bill to one of its patients.

The work Deborah Heart and Lung Center is doing makes a real impact on the lives of everyone in our community. On Deborah's 100th anniversary, I extend my best wishes and thanks to every current and former staff member and volunteer.

### HONORING TEXAS STATE HOUSE REPRESENTATIVE EDDIE LUCIO, III

#### HON. FILEMON VELA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 18, 2022

Mr. VELA. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize The Honorable Eddie Lucio, III, who has admirably represented the people of southwestern Cameron County in the Texas House of Representatives for the past 15 years.

Eduardo Andres "Eddie" Lucio, III was born in Brownsville, TX, on December 19, 1978, to Andres "Eddie" Lucio, Jr., and Herminia Cerda Lucio. He graduated from James Pace High School in 1997 and attended Texas Tech University for a year before transferring to the University of Texas at Austin, where he earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in 2001 and a J.D. from the University of Texas School of Law in 2005.

After law school Eddie was called to public service, a value instilled in him at a young age by his parents. He worked for the Texas Comptroller for Public Accounts before running for Texas State Representative of District 38

in 2006, a position he won and to which he was re-elected in every consecutive election until he announced his retirement in 2022.

Eddie worked tirelessly to improve the quality of life for residents of Cameron County during his tenure in the Texas House of Representatives and through his work as a lawyer. His efforts have made an indelible impact on the Rio Grande Valley, especially in the areas of children and families, education, and the environment.

As a state representative, he found a way to make Pre-K education cost-neutral for Cameron County school districts, giving young children a better chance to succeed in school; and championed legislation that gave foster children a voice in their placement. Eddie also aided in the creation of the University of Texas–Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV) in 2013, which came into being through the merging of the University of Texas–Pan American and the University of Texas at Brownsville/Texas Southmost College. UTRGV has had a transformative influence on the community thanks to its affordable tuition, its diverse academic curriculum, and the establishment of a new medical school that fills a void in an area of the country that is medically underserved.

Eddie's concern for the environment is evident in his work to pass legislation to preserve Texas' access to water for future generations through the creation of a regulator system for seawater desalination, and his efforts to secure funding for the State Water Plan. He also led the effort in the Texas House to make it illegal to buy or sell shark fins in Texas, receiving special recognition for the bill's passage by the Discovery Channel during its annual Shark Week programming.

In addition to his work in the Texas House of Representatives and his law practice, Eddie's commitment to the community is widely reflected through his volunteer work for the Brownsville Independent School District, the City of Brownsville's "Just Say No" Program, Meals on Wheels, Survivors of Domestic Violence Program, Good Neighbor Settlement House, the Optimist Club, and Help One Student to Succeed Program. He is also a local Orangetheory Fitness franchise owner, providing good jobs at his two locations in Brownsville and Harlingen and promoting a healthy lifestyle in the region.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me, his wife, Jaime, and his children, Olivia Rose and Eduardo Andres "Luc" Lucio IV, in recognizing Texas State Representative Eddie Lucio, III, for his many years of public service and his personal contributions to the success, happiness, and well-being of the residents of the Rio Grande Valley.

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IN RECOGNITION OF LETRENT'S  
PHARMACY

**HON. JOHN JOYCE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 18, 2022*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Letrent's Pharmacy as they celebrate their 50th anniversary of serving the people of Bedford, Pennsylvania. For 50 years, Letrent's Pharmacy has served the people in that community with the utmost care and consideration. The pharmacy has been a family owned and operated business since Richard Letrent opened the pharmacy in 1972 after spending 5 years in another location not too far from his current flagship store.

Richard, his wife Connie and their daughter, Connie are all proud alumni of Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, and their tight-knit family make up three of the five practicing pharmacists at Letrent's.

Throughout the time they have operated the pharmacy, the Letrent's have dedicated themselves to ensuring the health and wellness of the Bedford County community.

On behalf of the people of Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District it is my honor to wish the Letrent family a happy 50th anniversary, and many, many more to come. Congratulations on this incredible milestone.

CELEBRATING THE LEGACY AND  
MINISTRY OF THE FIRST PRES-  
BYTERIAN CHURCH OF COLO-  
RADO SPRINGS

**HON. DOUG LAMBORN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 18, 2022*

Mr. LAMBORN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the legacy and ministry of the First Presbyterian Church of Colorado Springs.

2022 marks First Pres's 150th year of ministry to Colorado Springs. This congregation has distinguished itself as a church after God's own heart in that time. To quote one of its former pastors, First Presbyterian is "a church rich in fellowship, broad in outreach, evangelical in spirit, and generous in attitude."

Founded in 1872, this church has been a pillar to our community since its inception. It has faithfully ministered to over six generations of Coloradans with one straightforward mission; to reflect the love of Jesus Christ into their community.

Their congregation has demonstrated this time and time again through their generous philanthropic efforts and numerous community partnerships. They donate millions of dollars annually to local engagement, proudly partnering with over 18 local missions and non-profits. Together, they help fight against the prevalent problems facing our community, such as homelessness, food insecurity, and the absence of affordable healthcare and housing.

This church truly embodies the principle found in Acts 20:35, "it is more blessed to give than receive." The members of this church live out what it means to love their

neighbor as themselves for the sake of the Gospel.

It is undeniable that First Pres has helped to shape the life and soul of Colorado Springs from a frontier town into the nationally acclaimed city on the hill that it is today.

As we look forward to many more generations of life-changing ministry, I'm honored to gratefully reflect on the last 150 years of impactful work that God has done through First Presbyterian Church of Colorado Springs. I ask that my colleagues in Congress join me in honoring this institution of faith and grace.

REMEMBERING GARY LEE  
GUTELIUS

**HON. TIM RYAN**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 18, 2022*

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of my dear friend Gary Lee Gutelius, who passed away on Saturday, February 12, 2022, at the age of 74. We are all heartbroken by his passing because he was the friend that was always there to help and support. It didn't matter the cause or the event, Gary showed up. He understood that the best lives lived are those of service. He knew how to be a friend even in tough times. His death is a blow to our entire community, and we all need to do more for each other to try to make up for this tremendous loss.

He was born on February 12, 1948, in Warren, the second son of the late Harold and Ruth Harsh Gutelius. Gary was a 1966 graduate of Warren G. Harding High School. After graduating, Gary was drafted into the United States Army in 1967, serving with the 101st Airborne Division in the Vietnam War. During his tour, Gary took part in Operation Apache Snow, where he was wounded at the Battle of Hamburger Hill. For his meritorious service during his service, he would receive the Bronze Star medal and the Purple Heart.

After returning home, Gary would become a well-known figure in our community, especially with veterans. He would work for Packard Electric from 1970 to 2006 and serve as president of their veteran's committee for 16 years. Gary belonged to many different veteran organizations, including being a lifetime member of: D.A.V. Chapter 11, the VFW Post 1090, the Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 606 where he served as Senior Vice Commander, the Vietnam Veterans of America, the American Legion Post 540 and the Amvets Post 290. Gary headed up the Veterans Day and Memorial Day committee for Trumbull County, as well as organized volunteers every year to decorate the veterans' graves for Memorial Day. He was also one of five individuals responsible for bringing the Vietnam Wall That Heals to Warren. Gary became a veteran services commissioner in 2013 and was honored as a Tribune Chronicle "Community Star" and received the Valley Legacy award in 2014. In 2018, Gary had the honor of placing a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery on the 100th anniversary of Veterans Day.

He was a member of Grace United Methodist Church of Warren and enjoyed boating, skiing, and hunting. Gary had dreams of restoring his cherished MG car and was a finan-

cial supporter for the restoration and upkeep of the Gutelius home and museum in Mifflinburg, Pennsylvania.

He was predeceased by his parents, Harold Gutelius and Ruth Harsh Gutelius. He is survived by his siblings, Dan Gutelius (Pat) of Canfield; his girlfriend Anna Marie Rosasco of Champion; his nephew Steve Gutelius (Marissa) of Howland; his niece Beth Kant: (Adam) of Cortland; his great-nephews, Jackson and Dylan; and his great-niece Lyla.

HONORING STAFF SERGEANT  
BRIAN C. DARLING

**HON. ANDY KIM**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 18, 2022*

Mr. KIM of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Staff Sergeant Brian C. Darling, who recently retired after nearly three decades in the United States Army and the New Jersey Army National Guard.

Brian grew up in Manchester, NJ, and was inspired by his familial legacy of service. He decided to carry that torch himself and enlisted in the active-duty Army in 1995. Brian was deployed overseas for several years as a Paralegal Specialist where he provided legal and administrative support to the Army's legal team. Over the course of his service, he served tours in Iraq in 2008, Afghanistan in 2010, and Qatar from 2014–2015. He spent the past year as an active part of the Army's mission to fight COVID-19 and is retiring at the rank of Staff Sergeant. Brian's service hasn't ended with his retirement, he continues to be a valued schoolteacher in the Central Regional School District of Bayville, New Jersey.

I would like to formally thank Staff Sergeant Darling for his service to the United States of America and his continued contributions to our community.

IN RECOGNITION OF SILVIA  
MIRANDA

**HON. TERESA LEGER FERNANDEZ**

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 18, 2022*

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Ms. Silvia Miranda of Mesa Elementary School in Clovis, New Mexico, for her incredible commitment to New Mexico's children, schools, and community.

The National Science Foundation (NSF) recently awarded Ms. Miranda the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST). The award program is administered by NSF on behalf of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy to recognize the invaluable contributions of exceptional K–12 science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and computer science teachers. It is the highest honor our nation can bestow to a math or science teacher.

This prestigious award is only one of many things Ms. Miranda has achieved over her illustrious career. The award echoes the praise

offered by Ms. Miranda's administrators and colleagues who describe her as an asset and a blessing to Clovis Municipal Schools and to those whom she works with. In addition to being an experienced bilingual educator, Ms. Miranda also engages students by helping to organize the Mesa Science Fair and Spanish Spelling Bee. Her dedication and passion is the foundation for the academic and personal growth of her students both when she is their teacher and long after.

Ms. Miranda is a shining example of the passion and dedication that define our great state, and we are proud that she calls New Mexico home. I offer my congratulations to Ms. Miranda and thank her from the bottom of my heart for her contributions to the future of New Mexico—our youth.

#### REMEMBERING WALTER IGNATIUS WILLARD

#### HON. TROY A. CARTER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 18, 2022*

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the late Walter Ignatius Willard.

Walter was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, on April 14, 1957, the fifth child of twelve born to the late Elliot "Doc" Willard Sr. and Mary Jane Jordan Willard. He passed away peacefully on February 11, 2022, at the age of 64, after a well-fought battle with early-onset Alzheimer's disease. He is survived by the love of his life, Valerie "Missy" Sims; their three daughters, Jordan, Jillian, and Jenna; his eleven siblings; and many nephews, nieces, and friends.

A proud Purple Knight, Walter attended St. Augustine High School, and prior to graduating in 1975, played trumpet for St. Aug's renowned Marching 100. He not only was the trumpet section leader, but also was the first musician selected to play the band's newly introduced herald trumpet. He then earned a B.A. in political science in 1979 at Tulane University, where his ceaseless love of music led him to join the university's marching band. Walter then ventured to Washington, D.C., where he obtained his J.D. from the American University Washington College of Law in 1982. While in the nation's capital, Walter worked in the Capitol Hill offices of Louisiana Congressman Gillis Long, Senator Russell Long, and Senator J. Bennett Johnston.

Walter returned to New Orleans to start his law career, eventually earning a Master of Law degree in energy and environment from Tulane Law School in 1993. Over the course of his 30-year legal career, he was admitted to the bar for the states of Louisiana, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania, and served as judge pro tempore for the Orleans Civil District Court. As Dr. Martin Luther King once said, "True peace is not merely the absence of tension; it is the presence of justice." A passionate advocate for justice, Walter spent his career leveraging his judgment and compassion in the pursuit of Dr. King's vision for authentic peace. One of his greatest endeavors in this regard was acting as one of the plaintiffs in the historic Supreme Court redistricting case *Chisolm v. Edwards*, which set the stage for Louisiana's first African American Supreme Court justice.

Walter's remarkable life was characterized by unconditional love and support for family and friends, zealous engagement with community programs and initiatives to improve life for others, and an ardent devotion to God. A life-long parishioner at St. Raymond Catholic Church, he was an altar boy in his youth and became a member of the church's choir as an adult. Selflessly committed to the betterment of his community, Walter's civic involvements included acting as a voluntary attorney in child neglect cases for the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court CASA program, participating on the mayor's Environmental Affairs Advisory Committee as well as the Task Force on City-Owned Cemeteries, and serving as a member and chair of the New Orleans Historic District Landmarks Commission. Additionally, Walter was a 30-year member of the Sugar Bowl Committee and a nine-year board member of both the Young Leadership Council and Young Audiences of Louisiana organization.

A veritable Renaissance Man, one could easily find Walter in a courtroom arguing a case, at Tipitina's jamming out to the Soul Rebels, at the Riverbend coaching his daughters' soccer teams, at the Loyola gym picking up a game of basketball, in the kitchen making omelets, in the yard planting a garden, restoring an old car, or playing with the family's menagerie of pets. He was a wonder to all who knew and loved him, and he will be remembered fondly for his joyful spirit and relentless optimism, which served him well until God called him home. The loss and death of Walter bears witness to the divine and mysterious power of redemptive suffering. Through his heroic battle, Walter has helped shower numerous heavenly graces and blessings upon all of those he loved so deeply, and we are eternally grateful.

#### HONORING MICHAEL MEDART

#### HON. ANN WAGNER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 18, 2022*

Mrs. WAGNER. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate my friend, Michael "Mike" Medart, of Medart Engine & Marine, on the conclusion of his tenure as Chairman of the National Association of Wholesaler-Distributors (NAW), an association comprised of the distributors who keep America moving.

During Mike's leadership, NAW fought for and defended pro-business policies that boost our local economies. NAW, with its partners, also donated more than \$1 million in PPE and other supplies to help reopen America. NAW saw rapid growth in the industry and the association itself and was crucial in reopening America at a critical time.

The name Medart is familiar to Missourians in my district and our region, having been a mainstay in the community for more than 100 years. Mike is at the helm of a third generation of leadership, an incredible legacy of which he should be proud. The family-owned company prioritizes a "Golden Rule Service" commitment to their customers and employs more than a hundred workers, with many having been with the company for decades.

I congratulate Mike and thank him for his leadership nationally and at home in Missouri!

HONORING WGY NEWS RADIO ON THEIR ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 18, 2022*

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate WGY News Radio on celebrating 100 years of informing and entertaining New Yorkers.

WGY was first established when General Electric received their Broadcasting License and was randomly assigned the now acclaimed letters WGY on February 4, 1922. WGY's first broadcast took place on February 20, 1922, 7:47 p.m. in Schenectady, New York. WGY employees were pioneers in the new wireless radio technology sector, which is evident in the station's incredible accomplishments. WGY was the first radio station in New York State and, in 1926, it became the first NBC affiliate station. Since then, the station has established itself as one of the premier sources of news and entertainment for the North Country while also providing a space for major historical moments.

While he was governor of New York, Franklin D. Roosevelt began broadcasting his now famous fireside chats on WGY. In 1923, WGY became the first radio station to solve a major criminal case, when Verner Alexanderson was returned home after being kidnapped due to the on-air efforts to make the public aware of his disappearance. WGY was the home of The Rush Limbaugh Show before its conclusion in 2021 and continues to broadcast many talk show programs, fulfilling its mission to enrich and connect New Yorkers.

WGY prides itself on being an exceptional source of public service and engagement, as evidenced by its numerous awards and achievements. In 2009, WGY won the Radio Television Digital News Association Edward R. Murrow Award for its exceptional reporting on the Capital Region ice storm. During the 2021 Awards for Excellence in Broadcasting, WGY won awards in categories including Outstanding Public Service Announcement and Campaign, Outstanding Interview, and Outstanding Use of Digital Platforms.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I congratulate WGY News Radio for 100 years of exemplary service to the people of New York State, including North Country families. The station's active engagement with the community and public service continues to inspire, connect, and enrich the lives of New Yorkers.

#### TRIBUTE TO SAM COHEN ON HIS 60TH BIRTHDAY

#### HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 18, 2022*

Mr. CARBAJAL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sam Cohen on the occasion of his 60th birthday for his distinguished service over the years. Sam serves as the Legal and Government Affairs Officer of the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians located in my district, where he has supported the Tribe's leadership and members for more than

a decade and a half. In doing so, Sam has become an exemplar of civic engagement throughout the Central Coast and in Washington, DC.

Sam's path to becoming a leader in our community and throughout Indian country is as unique as they come.

After graduating from the University of Arizona and University of Minnesota Law School, Sam began his career in the world of international corporate and finance law. This work took him around the world, including a two-year stint in Tokyo, Japan. Sam briefly returned to the states to pursue his LLM degree in tax at NYU before once again venturing off the beaten path, this time to the U.S. Territory of Guam. While in Guam, Sam found his calling in more ways than one. First, he came to understand and appreciate the vital role that economic development plays in providing opportunity and equity to marginalized communities. His four years working to support companies investing in Guam struck a chord, as such Sam has gone on to spend the next 25 years working on behalf of many communities that have historically been passed over and overlooked in the economic opportunities afforded to many other Americans over the generations.

Sam also met his late wife, Trina, while in Guam. They were soon married, and together raised three children, Abraham, Keanu, and Rebekah, who are all now making their own way in the world.

Shortly after leaving Guam, Sam transitioned to serving as counsel to Tribal governments, working in the states of Washington and Louisiana before moving to the Golden State.

Sam's first role in California was to serve as General Counsel to the Tule River Tribe in Porterville. His efforts there, shortly after California voters authorized gaming for Native American tribes, were critical in setting the Tule River Tribe on a path to economic success.

In 2006 Sam moved to Santa Ynez in Santa Barbara County, to take a position as Legal Officer for the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians. His impact was felt immediately, and he has been a trusted advisor for tribal leaders and members ever since.

I first got to know Sam during my time serving as a Supervisor in Santa Barbara County. Like many Tribal nations in California, the Chumash tribe had very little land over which to assert its sovereignty, provide a sense of community for its members, and grow as a nation. Sam's personal interactions with Supervisors, staff and other stakeholders on fee to trust issues earned him a reputation as an honest broker which led to a number of successful and important Tribal initiatives.

My relationship with Sam and the Chumash Tribe deepened after I made the transition to Congress. Sam took time to educate my staff and I on the significance of the federal government's trust responsibilities to Tribes and imprinted on me the importance of Congress fulfilling its constitutional obligation to engage with Tribes on a government to government basis. Due in part to this education, I now am a proud member of the Native American Caucus.

Sam's prolific efforts on behalf of the Chumash Tribe have not only been an asset to me as a Representative, but also to the entire Central Coast region. Sam is tireless, and

his expertise seems to touch upon virtually every topic. He serves as a member of the Internal Revenue Service Advisory Committee and on a subcommittee of the Treasury Tribal Advisory Committee, providing recommendations to the IRS on ways that it can better implement its laws and regulations to support Tribes, nonprofits, and all Americans. He is the President of the Santa Ynez Chamber of Commerce, President of the Econ Alliance for Northern Santa Barbara County, and serves on boards of the local community services district for wastewater and the regional transportation agency. He is currently guiding the Tribe's engagement with NOAA's consideration of a new Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary, and just this month Sam was named to an advisory committee of the Federal Communication Commission.

Most importantly, Sam is an absolute joy to be around. It is always a pleasure to run in to Sam and his partner, Trea, at community events throughout the district, and when they visit Trea's daughter, Bria, here in Washington, DC. On this momentous occasion, I want to wish Sam a happy birthday and recognize his exceptional work over the years and his many efforts to support the Santa Ynez Chumash Tribe and the citizens of California's 24th Congressional District.

#### HONORING GEOCONDA ARGÜELLO-KLINE AS SHE RETIRES

##### HON. STEVEN HORSFORD

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 18, 2022*

Mr. HORSFORD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Geoconda Argüello-Kline, as she retires from the Culinary Workers Union Local 226. Mrs. Argüello-Kline leaves a positive impact on the lives of thousands of workers in Nevada.

Mrs. Argüello-Kline's story begins in Managua, Nicaragua, where she was born and raised. In 1979, Mrs. Argüello-Kline was admitted to the United States as a political refugee. Since 1983, she calls Nevada her home. Picketing, negotiating, and asking for safe working conditions were some of the reasons Mrs. Argüello-Kline was relentless to give up the battle against the big corporations. As a guestroom attendant in 1989, Mrs. Argüello-Kline stood outside of the Fitzgerald's Hotel (now The D Hotel & Casino) picketing daily for 6 months. That was only the beginning of many more similar scenarios to help workers stand up for their rights and benefits.

In 1990, Mrs. Argüello-Kline joined the Culinary Workers Union Local 226. Mrs. Argüello-Kline went from being an organizer in the 1990s, then director of campaigns, trainer, and many other responsibilities, until becoming the union's Secretary-Treasurer. Over the years, Mrs. Argüello-Kline's call to action remained the same and the voices only grew. An 18,000-membership expanded to 60,000 members under her leadership. The casino industry, at that point, had to hear them out. The culinary workers were not alone. Bartenders and housekeepers also demanded dignity in the workplace, medical benefits, retirement security and more.

One of the many successes Mrs. Argüello-Kline led early on was the longest walkout in

the history of the U.S. labor movement: the Frontier strike in 1991, where the Culinary Workers' pension fund was in jeopardy. After more than six years of picketing, their pension fund was restored.

Mrs. Argüello-Kline has been a tremendous leader and a champion for workers in Nevada. We often saw her in the red t-shirt reminding folks of the power of each worker and the right to stand up for better working conditions. She retires after 32 years devoted to the Culinary Union and close to 40 years as a member. She is a hero in the labor community. I wish Geoconda Argüello-Kline a great retirement. We honor her arduous work and contributions to the Silver State.

#### RECOGNIZING THE VARINA HIGH SCHOOL BLUE DEVILS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP FOOTBALL TEAM

##### HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 18, 2022*

Mr. McEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to celebrate the Varina Blue Devils football team for winning the Class 4 state championship title.

This title run was particularly exciting, as it resulted in Varina High School's first ever football state championship. Their victory was made even more special by the fact that the last time the Blue Devils made the championship finals in 1999, their Head Coach Marcus Lewis was on the team.

The Blue Devils' win was not earned just on the day of the game but was built on months of hard work. After a season of close victories that toughened their resolve and showed their fighting spirit, these young men closed out the championship game in style. When a last-minute interception sealed the win for Varina, the Blue Devils earned their place in our Commonwealth's history. I am certain that these young men and their championship achievement will be remembered in the Henrico community for years to come.

On behalf of Virginia's Fourth Congressional District, I would like to congratulate Principal Darin Thompson, Coach Marcus Lewis, and the Varina High School Blue Devils football team for their inspiring championship season.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF POINT OF VIEW

##### HON. VAN TAYLOR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 18, 2022*

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to recognize national talk radio program, Point of View, as they celebrate 50 years of media ministry committed to providing listeners with biblical clarity and truth.

Since launching in 1972, under talk radio pioneer, Marlin Maddoux, Point of View has offered listeners authentic insight on a full spectrum of subject matter and current events affecting our nation's families, constitutional freedoms, and faith. In recognition of his efforts, Maddoux received the National Religious Broadcasters (NRB) Award of Merit and was

later inducted into the NRB Hall of Fame. In 1994, Christian Today Magazine recognized the program as America's most popular live Christian call-in show.

Much of the longtime success of this program can be attributed to current host, Kerby Anderson, whose impressive background includes serving as the President of Probe Ministries and as the author of more than 25 books ranging from topics focused on media and technology, to economics and intelligent design. Cohost Penna Dexter shares the same devotion to God's truth as she provides listeners with weekly commentary focused on Christian conservative politics and prominent cultural issues affecting the family. Throughout it all, the Point of View team has remained steadfast in their commitment to sharing the truth of God to restore a Christian worldview and provide biblical wisdom in today's culture.

For 50 years, Point of View has brought needed attention to prominent issues while serving as a source of wisdom rooted in God's word. I offer my heartfelt congratulations to the Point of View team on this milestone anniversary and ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in recognizing their devoted service to truth and keeping God's word at the center of their message as they seek to enlighten the people of this Nation.

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HONORING TEXAS STATE  
SENATOR EDDIE LUCIO, JR.

**HON. FILEMON VELA**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 18, 2022*

Mr. VELA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Texas State Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr., a man who has devoted his life to bringing dignity and prosperity to the people of the Rio Grande Valley.

Eduardo Andres "Eddie" Lucio, Jr. was born on January 20, 1946, in Brownsville, Texas. The second of ten children, Eddie grew up in the Bougainvillea neighborhood, where he learned the importance of hard work and a good education. He attended the University of Texas-Pan American in Edinburg, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Education. Eddie served as an educator and coached football, basketball, and track and field in the Brownsville Independent School District before running for office in 1971.

At the age of 25, Eddie became the youngest person ever to be elected County Treasurer in the State of Texas. He also served as Cameron County Commissioner before his first election to the Texas House of Representatives, where he represented the people of Brownsville from 1986 to 1990. He then successfully ran to represent District 27 in the Texas Senate, a position he held continuously for 31 years until he announced his retirement in 2022.

Eddie leads by example and believes that looking out for your neighbors, especially those who have fallen on hard times or are economically disadvantaged, is the heart of public service. He has assisted families who have lost their homes to fire with food, clothing, and rent, and he donates hundreds of Thanksgiving turkeys every year. After witnessing the destruction of Hurricane Harvey,

he purchased a food truck, which he operates with the help of friends and family to feed residents in remote locations when they are affected by natural disasters or other events such as the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. As a former educator, Eddie is a fierce advocate for students and teachers and is well-known throughout South Texas for his work to help young scholars, awarding thousands of dollars in scholarships from funds raised by his annual golf tournaments over the past 30 years.

In the State Senate, Eddie authored bills to increase public school funding, expand bilingual education, improve bus safety, ensure nutritious school lunches, and secure better pay for teachers. He also fought to improve access to higher education in the Rio Grande Valley. He was instrumental in the establishment of the University of Texas Regional Academic Health Center and helped fast-track the creation of the University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley and its groundbreaking medical school, which are helping to train the next generation of doctors and medical professionals in a medically underserved area of the country. To honor his countless contributions to education in the community, Brownsville ISD named Lucio Middle School after him in 1997.

Eddie has changed the landscape of South Texas. As Vice Chair of the Finance Committee, he worked to secure millions of dollars in state funding for infrastructure, which contributed to the designation of the first interstate highways in the Rio Grande Valley and addressed water and wastewater needs for colonias. He also introduced legislation in support of bringing the World Birding Centers to the area and building an artificial reef off the coast of South Padre Island, boosting tourism and ecotourism in the area. Eddie was an early advocate for bringing SpaceX to the region, knowing it would eventually spur a boom of economic development.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me, Eddie's wife, Minnie; his children, Eddie Lucio III and Lynda; and his grandchildren, Eddie "Luc" Lucio IV and Olivia Rose, in thanking him for five decades of selfless dedication to his community.

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HONORING THE OUTSTANDING  
CAREER OF JANE BAIRD

**HON. JOE COURTNEY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 18, 2022*

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the distinguished career of Jane Baird, of Haddam, Connecticut. As the Senior Director of External Affairs, Jane celebrated a major milestone on January 14th, 2022, when she officially reached 20 years of dedicated employment and leadership with Connecticut Children's Medical Center. By coordinating relationships between the CCMC and its partners, Jane has truly proved her devotion to the health and welfare of Connecticut's children, ensuring a bright and healthy future for countless youth throughout the state.

Before the outset of her career with Connecticut Children's Medical Center, Jane began with her studies at Grinnell College, graduating in 1988 with a bachelor's degree in biology. Upon graduating, Jane went on to

study at Indiana University, graduating with a master's in public administration in 1993. Equipped with this robust education, Jane initially moved to and worked in Vermont as the Managed Care Administrator of the Office of Vermont Health Access for over 4 years. Jane then moved to the Vermont Division of Health Care Administration to be the Director of Quality Assurance and Consumer Protection, keeping to her tireless life-mission of ensuring those around her receive proper medical care.

In 2002, the Second District of Connecticut was lucky when Jane and her family discovered the area for their new home. Upon moving to the small town of Haddam, Jane launched her impactful career with CCMC as the Director of Government Relations. In this role, Jane was responsible for the maintenance of legislative relationships on behalf of the medical center, acting as a conduit between the medical staff at CCMC and the world of public policy. Jane approached this role with great passion, leading advocacy efforts with a wide variety of partners to promote healthcare policies that advance the growth and health of families and their children. Throughout her tenure, Jane has been an extraordinary force in the realm of Medicaid, injury prevention, and national health reform. Without Jane's leadership, I am sure that CCMC would not have had such an influential impact on the well-being of children in Connecticut and across the country.

In recognition of her hard-earned successes, Jane was promoted in 2016 to her current title of Senior Director of External Relations. Under this expanded leadership position, Jane has been instilled with a deeper connection to the promotion of healthy families and communities, taking up even greater, more creative efforts of advocacy. In doing so, she has successfully and dutifully managed communications with the medical center's many affiliates, including Hartford Public Schools and local YMCAs.

Since 2004, Jane has also been an active member of the Board of Directors at Southside Institutions Neighborhood Alliance in Hartford. A medium of cooperation between CCMC, Hartford Hospital, and Trinity College, the Alliance continues to serve a devoted mission toward improving the lives of people in South Central Hartford. In 2011, Jane was appointed Chairwoman to the Alliance as a result of her commitment to and advancement of the organization's core mission.

Madam Speaker, Jane's advocacy for children—characterized by understanding, patience, and perseverance—is a practice that I am grateful to represent in Connecticut's Second District. Throughout her 20 years of advocacy with Connecticut Children's Medical Center, and the years of work before that in Vermont, Jane has displayed how providing care to others involves more than what we often think of. Even after 20-plus years in the field, Jane's devotion to the children is as tireless as ever, a mark of true devotion for helping others in the world. For her unparalleled altruistic nature, I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in honoring Jane Baird, an unrelenting advocate and inspiring leader, setting her name, character and continued work further into stone.

IN RECOGNITION OF SERGEANT  
PAUL EDWARD THORNTON

### HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 18, 2022*

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the exemplary work of Sergeant Paul Thornton as he retires from a life of public service. He has served the citizens of the State of Texas, in the communities of Houston, Huntsville, and The Colony as a police officer for over 34 years.

Sergeant Thornton began his law enforcement career in 1988 when he was hired as a police officer with the University of Houston Central Campus Police Department. He attended the Harris County Sheriff's Office Academy. Between 1988 and 1992, Sergeant Thornton also worked as a police officer with the Sam Houston State University Police Department and the Walker County Sheriffs Office. During this time he also earned a Bachelor's of Science degree in Criminal Justice from Sam Houston State University.

On September 2, 1992, Sergeant Thornton was hired by The Colony Police Department. Just a year later, he was named The Colony PD's "Officer of The Year". In 1995, he became The Colony PD's first and only K9 Officer. He and his K9 colleague, Major, a narcotic detection dog, worked the streets several years combating illegal narcotics.

In 1998, he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. After his promotion, he served as both a Night Shift and Day Shift Patrol Sergeant. As a Patrol Sergeant, he has been in charge of the Crossing Guards, Bike Patrol Unit, Traffic Enforcement Division and the departments off-duty employment program. He has also served as the department's Criminal Investigations Supervisor and the Internal Affairs Sergeant.

In 1999, he met the love of his life and wife, Karen Thornton. Karen is a United States Air Force Veteran and holds a Master's Degree from the University of Texas-Austin. Sergeant Thornton and his wife have three children, Alex, Samantha, and Tyler; and two grandchildren, Clayden and Reagan Thornton.

Sergeant Thornton has devoted over 34 years faithfully serving and protecting his community. For more than three decades, he has put strangers' safety above his own, and we are indebted to him. I am deeply grateful for his service to our community and state, and I wish Sergeant Thornton and his family the best in his retirement.

REMEMBERING DOROTHY F.  
MASTERNICK

### HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 18, 2022*

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Dorothy F. Masternick, who passed away on Tuesday, February 1, 2022, at the age of 96. She was a pillar of our community, a servant of others, and an example of how our lives and talents are meant to be shared.

Dorothy was born November 3, 1925, in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, the daughter of

William J. and Annabelle (Onspaugh) Fritz. Dorothy graduated from Beaver Falls High School and Jameson Memorial School of Nursing in New Castle, Pennsylvania.

She worked in a wartime factory as a bomb inspector during WWII while attending nursing school. While working as a registered nurse at North Side Hospital she attended Youngstown State University where she met her future husband, John Masternick. They married on June 25, 1949, and together they co-owned, developed, and operated Windsor House Nursing Homes.

Dorothy was a member of St. Rose Catholic Church and was very active in the catholic community. She served as President of the Youngstown Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, Bishops Advisory Board, Retired Priests Commission, Ohio Catholic Conference, was an advocate of catholic school education, and organized a monthly rosary group. She was especially active in the Cursillo movement which shaped her commitment to care for the elderly in our community with compassion and dignity. Along with her husband, they established the John and Dorothy Masternick Foundation which provides funding to catholic education and scholarships for local high school graduates and nursing students, as well as establishing the nursing simulation laboratory at Youngstown State University.

Dorothy was a natural caregiver and had strong faith. She loved to host Sunday dinner, bridge club and loved to read and paint. After retiring she enjoyed spending time in Florida but her favorite thing to do was to spoil her grandchildren, especially at Christmas.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her children: two sons, Jeffrey (Terri) Masternick, and Atty. John J. (Melissa) Masternick and two daughters, Maria Masternick and Theresa (Leo) Grimes; grandchildren, John Colby Grimes, Daniel (Stacy) Grimes, Ken Grimes, John Michael Masternick, Christopher Masternick, Alyssa Masternick, Kevin (Erica) Pangio, and Amy Pangio; great-grandson, Dean Grimes; nephew, Greg (Cheryl) Hardy; great-niece, Jennifer, and great-nephew, Jason. She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband; her sister, Mildred Hardy, and her brother, Donald W. Fritz.

### RECOGNIZING LANE CHANGE

### HON. VICKY HARTZLER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 18, 2022*

Mrs. HARTZLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding work of a local nonprofit in my district for their commitment to ending substance abuse.

Lane Change was established by Lauren and Cory Mitchell, along with Brad and Stacy Segebarth, after local resident Lane Austin died from a fatal overdose while waiting for an available inpatient drug treatment facility. Within less than three short years, Lane Change has transformed many lives through education, outreach, and prevention in the Lebanon Community. Most importantly, their organization has helped families receive counseling and inpatient treatment for substance abuse through local and regional partnerships. Their network has become a vital resource for

patients and probationary drug offenders, something that did not exist when Lane Austin lost his life over three years ago.

Founder and executive director, Lauren Mitchell, is continually expanding her vision for Lane Change as she recognizes more unmet needs in her community. Her organization does not simply want to treat the symptoms of substance abuse but address the fundamental problems that drive it. Like many programs, their leadership understands that substance abuse is frequently linked with mental illnesses or social trauma in childhood and adolescence, making early intervention crucial to prevention. Lane Change has already outgrown their current facility as they have expanded their program to include a safe place for local students to spend time away from troubled home environments.

None of this would have been possible without the generosity of donors and community volunteers. I am proud of each one and for Lauren Mitchell whose vision and commitment made this nonprofit possible. She has already made a tremendous impact. In the coming years, I look forward to watching Lane Change continue to grow and transform lives in southwest Missouri.

### HONORING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

### HON. LUCY McBATH

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 18, 2022*

Mrs. McBATH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Dr. Marjorie Roberts of Johns Creek, Georgia. As we continue our celebration of Black History Month, we recognize Black men and women from throughout the past and present who have made an indelible mark on the story of our nation. I am proud to say that Dr. Roberts is a woman who is doing just that: making her own mark on history by sharing her story and her smile through advocacy on behalf of COVID-19 survivors nationwide.

Dr. Marjorie Roberts grew up the youngest member of her family. In 1980, she gave birth to her daughter, whom she calls her best friend. She is a mother, a wife, and a veteran of the United States Army. She attended Capella University and obtained her Doctorate of Business Administration with a Specialization in Strategy and Innovation in 2014. In 2019, she earned her Life Coaching Certification. She works with clients to achieve progress, reach milestones, and transform their lives.

In March of 2020, Dr. Roberts tested positive for COVID-19. By grace, she survived her initial case of COVID, which included a stay in the hospital. But she is one of the millions of COVID survivors who are considered "long haulers," patients who continue to battle symptoms of the virus for weeks and months after their initial illness. Since then, she has faced health issues that have prevented her from living her life in the same way she did prior to getting COVID-19. In addition to her own challenges, Dr. Roberts also lost a dear friend to COVID-19, Sergeant Gary Mitchell, with whom she served in the Army.

As a COVID-19 survivor and long hauler, Dr. Roberts has made it her life's mission to

help fellow survivors face the challenges that follow in the wake of a COVID diagnosis. She works with the organization COVID Survivors for Change to support fellow survivors, remember those who have died, and advocate for strong public health measures to prevent future pandemics. In the face of her ongoing struggle and through the pain of losing a loved one, Dr. Roberts continues to advocate on behalf of others through her work with COVID Survivors for Change. Despite her grief and pain, Dr. Roberts says that she always has something to smile about. Her resolve and her passion are evident in her words and deeds, and I am so proud of the work that she is doing.

As we celebrate Black History Month, may we be reminded of Black men and women's enormous contributions to the United States each and every day. It is a true honor to represent Dr. Roberts in Congress and recognize her today for the work she has done to help others even at a time when her own life has been significantly impacted by COVID-19. I am proud to call Dr. Roberts a constituent, and grateful for the opportunity to uplift her during this year's celebration of Black History Month.

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HONORING NASHUA FIRE CHIEF  
BRIAN RHODES

**HON. ANN M. KUSTER**

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 18, 2022*

Ms. KUSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the outstanding career in public service of Nashua Fire Chief Brian Rhodes. It is with great pride that I join others in honoring Brian's commitment to the City of Nashua.

Brian's career with the Nashua Fire Department was marked with many milestones and achievements. He has attended the National Fire Academy and successfully graduated from both the Fire Service Financial Management and Executive Planning programs. Brian started his career with the Nashua Fire Department in 1987. He was promoted to Lieutenant in 2000, Captain in 2004, Deputy Chief in 2011, Assistant Chief in June of 2015 and took over as Chief in April of 2018. In 2018, Chief Rhodes joined me in Washington, D.C. to share his work combating the opioid epidemic with Members of Congress. I appreciate Chief Rhodes unwavering commitment to serving his community and sharing his expertise with leaders from across the country.

I commend Chief Rhodes on his retirement after more than three decades with the Nashua Fire Department and on his unwavering dedication to the Granite State. Chief Rhodes also served as a State Representative from 2008 to 2014 representing Nashua Ward 3 in the New Hampshire General Court—a testament to his dedication to making the Granite State a better place.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's Second Congressional District, I thank Brian for his many years of service, and for being a part of what makes the Granite State so great. I am honored to recognize and congratulate Brian on his retirement and wish him the best of luck in the years ahead.

IN RECOGNITION OF VFW POST—  
8896

**HON. JOHN JOYCE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 18, 2022*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize VFW Post-8896 located in East Berlin, Pennsylvania on their seventy-five years of operation. Post 8896 is named in honor of Richard J. Gross, a native of Pennsylvania and a member of the United States Army-Airforce who gave his life on September 8, 1943, while flying a combat mission over New Guinea while serving as a radio operator and gunner on a B-24 Liberator Bomber.

In 1947, a group of veterans carried on the legacy and memory of Richard J. Gross and opened Post-8896.

For more than seven decades, the Post's members have remained dedicated to helping veterans and their families, building community fellowship, and promoting awareness for the sacrifices that our veterans have made.

On behalf of the people of the 13th Congressional District, it is my great honor to congratulate the Richard J. Gross VFW on seventy-five years of service to veterans of Adams County. I thank them for their great work and dedication to our community.

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HONORING EDWARD "ED" A.  
TORIELLO

**HON. ANDY KIM**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 18, 2022*

Mr. KIM of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor, Edward "Ed" A. Toriello, a World War II veteran, as he celebrates his 100th birthday today.

Sergeant First Class (SFC) Ed Toriello proudly served his country in Patton's 3rd Army during World War II. In 1944, he was a recent graduate from St. John's University's Divinity School looking to enter the priesthood when a week later, he answered the call to serve his country. Following six months of training he was sent to the European Theatre where he first served as a combat medic, then a scout in the 76th infantry regiment. Ed was supposed to remain in the country and go to Officer Candidate School, but at the height of the war, the Army needed more enlisted men, and he was immediately deployed overseas. During the frigid winter of 1944-45, he and his unit were sent to help stop the last German offensive of the war at the Battle of the Bulge. The 76th infantry regiment was then tasked with securing the Remagen Bridge in March of 1945, a crucial action that allowed the Allies to enter Germany. This single event's success is credited with shortening the war.

Throughout his service, Ed exemplified bravery and resilience as his unit suffered heavy losses. Edward is a decorated soldier, earning numerous commendations including 3 Service Stars, the Combat Medic Badge, and the Combat Infantry Rifle Badge. After Ger-

many's surrender, he was assigned to the U.S. sector in Southern Germany where he was offered to then attend Officer Candidate School as he had originally intended. Instead, he decided to return to civilian life and as he describes it, "the rest was history".

Ed Toriello returned to Brooklyn where he met his wife to be, Zina Toriello nee Caruba, and together they went on to have six children. They ultimately moved to Southern Ocean County in 1977 where he quickly became a beacon of positivity within the community. He remained active as a community volunteer and leader in numerous organizations such as Kiwanis International, Italian American Social and Civic Association, and the Knights of Columbus. Ed also served as a trustee for three decades with South Ocean's Medical Center and started a beloved local fundraising concert for the facility that has raised over \$100,000 to date. Today, Ed enjoys watching the Yankees and cooking for his friends and family.

Edward A. Toriello is a distinguished member of our community whose heroic actions during the Second World War set the trajectory for a life of servitude that has positively impacted those around him and will continue to benefit generations to come.

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HONORING KAREN FERGUSON OF  
THE PENSION RIGHTS CENTER

**HON. RICHARD E. NEAL**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 18, 2022*

Mr. NEAL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer my condolences to the family and friends of Karen Ferguson, the President of the Pension Rights Center, and recognize her as a true champion for the rights of pensioners. Karen was a leader on an issue that is of particular importance to me; namely, the retirement security of workers, retirees, and their families. For over 45 years, Karen was significantly involved in protecting pensioners rights through the development of pension legislation in Congress, and recently I witnessed her tireless advocacy first-hand as we worked to enact the Butch Lewis Act.

An alum of Harvard Law School and Bryn Mawr College, Karen founded the Pension Rights Center. The Pension Rights Center, with Karen as president and leader, has been instrumental in advocating for and drafting new regulations and laws, including the Retirement Equity Act of 1984, the Tax Reform Act of 1986 and the Butch Lewis Act of 2021.

Karen was widely known and respected on Capitol Hill and testified at many congressional and regulatory hearings. She will be remembered for her passion and depth of knowledge.

I join the millions of pensioners around the country in expressing gratitude for Karen's tenacity. She will be deeply missed. I send my deepest sympathies to all who loved her, the Ferguson family, her friends, and her colleagues.



HONORING THE SERVICE OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA FIREFIGHTER  
HOBART ERICKSON

**HON. JEFF DUNCAN**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 18, 2022*

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of Mr. Hobart "Hobie" Erickson of Donalds, South Carolina, who has served as a first responder firefighter for over sixty-five years.

Mr. Erickson began his career as a firefighter in 1965 in New Jersey where he served for thirty years, rising to the position of Chief. In 1995, Mr. Erickson and his wife retired to Donalds, South Carolina. After being encouraged by his wife, Lois, Mr. Erickson left retirement to serve the Donalds Fire Department where he has since spent 35½ years in continued service.

In January of 2022, Mr. Erickson turned 95 years old. According to the South Carolina Firefighters Association, Mr. Erickson is the oldest of 17,000 actively serving firefighters in the state. Although he is no longer able to fight fires, Mr. Erickson is a vital member of the department where he tends to the fire trucks and answers calls for medical assistance. He attributes his health and energy to the protection of Jesus Christ and his loving wife. The younger firefighters in Donalds look up to Mr. Erickson, and he even exercises with them several hours a week. Younger firefighters gather around Mr. Erickson to hear his stories and his advice on how to treat others and how to be a successful leader.

Mr. Erickson's selfless leadership has made not only the Third District of South Carolina proud, but the entire state of South Carolina. His tireless commitment to keep his community safe and healthy for over a half of a century is something we should all aspire to have. Throughout his career, he has exemplified what it means to be a true servant leader. I am confident in the future of first responders in my district because of the example Mr. Erickson has set.

Madam Speaker, it is a privilege to be able to serve the Third District of South Carolina and to honor those who have dedicated their life to service, like Mr. Erickson. I wish Mr. Erickson and his family many more years of health and happiness.

HONORING JOE HOSHAW, JR.  
EDITOR OF THE TRENTON TRIB

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 18, 2022*

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Joe Hoshaw, Jr. on the occasion of his retirement from the Trenton Trib, where he has served as Editor and Co-Founder for over twelve years. His significant contributions and service to our community are worthy of commendation.

Mr. Hoshaw received his Bachelor of Arts in journalism from Wayne State University and specializes in publication writing and editing. He founded the Trenton Trib in 2009 in response to community concerns about the lack

of a hometown newspaper. Prior to his work at the Trenton Trib, he worked at The News-Herald Newspapers as assistant managing editor and founded HPR Media & Promotional Services LLC, where he still works today.

Mr. Hoshaw has continued to provide positive, interesting and uplifting articles on behalf of his community, demonstrating the importance of neighborhood news. Under his leadership, the Trenton Trib has become a multifaceted news organization and has delivered impactful information to the citizens of Trenton. From the latest in high school sports to breaking development news to highlighting local businesses, the Trib could always be counted on to write about the things that our neighbors cared about. Along with co-publisher Kathy Kane, they brought news to the people of Downriver. The Trenton Trib ceased publication at the end of 2021, but their impact on the community will last for years to come.

Mr. Hoshaw is a past president and 11-year member of the Rotary Club of Trenton, Michigan. He is also a member of the board of directors for the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber and the Trenton Business Association. Mr. Hoshaw is known for his attention to detail and tireless enthusiasm for his community. He continues to reside in southeastern Michigan with his wife Mary, a retired teacher who taught at Lincoln Park Public Schools for nearly thirty years.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Joe Hoshaw, Jr. We are grateful for his years spent at the Trenton Trib, for his over four decades of dedication to the journalism in southeastern Michigan. I join with Joe's family, friends, and colleagues in extending my best wishes to him in retirement.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS  
AND DEDICATION OF MS. LYNNE  
TELFORD

**HON. DOUG LAMBORN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 18, 2022*

Mr. LAMBORN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the achievements and dedication of Ms. Lynne Telford, the CEO of Care and Share Food Bank for Southern Colorado. Ms. Telford is retiring after 11 years of faithful service to those in need in the Pikes Peak Region.

Since taking the reins at Care and Share Food Bank, Lynne has demonstrated steadfast leadership, not only within the Care and Share organization but across the non-profit industry in Colorado Springs.

Shortly after her start with Care and Share, Lynne identified the need for resiliency in operations. She helped to build a disaster response system during the Waldo Canyon Fire (2012), the Black Forest Fire (2013), and more recently, the COVID-19 pandemic.

Thinking outside the box, Lynne helped develop a successful Direct Services branch, including Sunny Side Markets and Mobile Markets. Her goal was to reach those unable to be served by traditional food bank methods.

Additionally, Lynne established an endowment fund under the Care and Share Foundation to spin-off operating funds each year.

Care and Share Food Bank is currently opening up a third distribution center in the

San Luis Valley of Southern Colorado. This unprecedented addition will increase trucking and shipping efficiencies, getting food to those in need faster.

During her time as CEO, Care and Share more than doubled the amount of food distributed, totaling 25 million lbs. in 2021. Incredibly, revenue generation under Lynne's leadership has grown exponentially. In 2021, more than 17,000 people made a gift in support of Care and Share.

But her leadership and service to her community doesn't end there. Lynne has served on the Board of Directors for Leadership Pikes Peak (2003-2006), the Pikes Peak Library District (2004-2016), the Colorado Springs Chamber & EDC Board (2014-2019). In addition, she currently serves on the Colorado Food Advisory Council, the Colorado Springs City for Champions Committee, and was appointed to the Colorado State Board of Human Services in 2019 by Governor Polis.

Lynne's value to our community is undeniable. So much so that in 2020, Lynne was the recipient of the coveted United Way S. Jerrard "Jerry" Smith Community Service Award, an award presented annually to an individual whose involvement in public policy and civic issues led to the growth and betterment of the Pikes Peak region.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House of Representatives join me in honoring Lynne Telford and her legacy of kindness, creative thinking, and hard work that will transcend generations to come. Lynne's service to her community has provided many homes in Colorado's 5th Congressional District with a warm, dignified meal. I congratulate and thank Lynne for her many accomplishments and wish her the very best in her next adventure.

HONORING WALLACE JAY NELSON,  
JR.

**HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 18, 2022*

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise to commemorate the life of my longtime dear friend Wallace Jay "Wally" Nelson, Jr. of Blacksburg, Virginia, who passed away on January 28, 2022.

Wally was a native Virginian and a graduate of Emory & Henry College, where he and I were roommates. While there he studied economics and went on to receive his master's degree in business from the University of Virginia.

Wally started his professional career at Burlington Industries. He worked hard and gave his all, earning the spot as the youngest-ever plant supervisor. His time there helped pave the way for the rest of his career in the commercial insurance industry, where he worked for more than three decades. He most recently served as the Vice President of SIA Group.

His life was evidence of his commitment to the improvement of the communities in southwest Virginia. He cared deeply for all people and was greatly involved in public service. Over the years, he was an active Republican that aided in fundraising efforts for numerous political candidates. He also served with the Blacksburg Partnership, Junior Achievement,



and the Roanoke Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce, where he served as president of the group's recruitment division. He also served as a co-chair for the New River Valley Rail 2020 to lead the effort to expand the passenger rail service.

Wally lived to serve and care for others. He prospered in any situation that allowed him to unite and care for others—he never met a stranger. But most of all, he adored his family. His humble giving heart, hard-working nature, and steadfast faith are just some of the most notable characteristics that defined the kind of man Wally was.

Wally was preceded in death by his loving parents, Wallace and Helen Nelson. He is survived by his cherished wife Heather; children Crandall Murphy and husband Shannon, Wallace Jay Nelson III and wife Tory, Krystine Hammerle and husband Ryan, Katherine Nelson and Ben Stovall; grandchildren Jackson and Paige Nelson, as well as many other beloved extended family and friends.

A man whose legacy and love for family, neighbors, and community will long be remembered. Wally was a dear friend that will be greatly missed. I am honored to pay tribute to Wally's life. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and loved ones.

#### CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF MRS. WILLIE LEE MOSES

#### HON. MARK TAKANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 18, 2022*

Mr. TAKANO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th birthday of Mrs. Willie Lee Moses, a constituent of mine and a woman known to her community as the "Mayor of Good Hope." The dedication that Mrs. Moses has to her community has made a profound difference in the Inland Empire, and it is my honor to recognize her work.

The impact of Mrs. Moses' work is difficult to overstate. Born in northern Louisiana, Mrs. Moses and her husband settled in Perris in 1957 and immediately became active members of their community. Besides being a mother of five and an employee of Perris School District for over two decades, Mrs. Moses was also elected as the president of multiple Parent Teacher Associations at various schools and served in union leadership as a job steward for fellow school district employees. An avid organizer, Mrs. Moses ran voter registration drives, worked on political campaigns, and was a leader in the area's first Human Relations Commission, which worked to facilitate dialogue on race relations among the community of Perris Valley. The Moses Schaffer Community Center now bears her name, recognizing the tireless work she did in support of the construction of critical infrastructure that enabled her city to thrive.

Mrs. Moses' generosity is well-known in the City of Perris. For 35 years, Mrs. Moses coordinated a free food program to ensure that low-income seniors always had resources to turn to. Over the decades, her family room has served as a gathering place for friends and neighbors, including the many years that she hosted meals for those stationed at the March Air Reserve Base with nowhere to go

for the holidays. Her tireless work emulates her trailblazing spirit—she was often the first African American in the leadership positions she took on, and her commitment to civil rights and civic duty has forever changed the Inland Empire community for the better.

Mrs. Moses has done more for her community in her 100 years than many could achieve in several lifetimes. It is with gratitude that I wish her a very happy birthday and thank her for her leadership and vision. Her example has set a high bar for all of us in public service, and I am honored to have her in our community.

#### HONORING PETER STEC FOR ACHIEVING SCOUTING'S HIGHEST AND MOST PRESTIGIOUS RANK, EAGLE SCOUT

#### HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 18, 2022*

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Peter Stec for his exceptional community service that has earned him the rank of Eagle Scout.

Peter has been involved with the Scouts for many years and, through perseverance and hard work, has become the Senior Patrol Leader of Boy Scouts of America Troop 6016 in Queensbury, New York. Peter has dedicated his time in the Scouts to the well-being of the community of Queensbury, culminating in his Eagle Scout community service project.

For his Eagle Scout project, Peter created a COVID-19 memorial garden recognizing Warren County residents who passed away during the pandemic. Peter built benches and planted trees and shrubs along the Warren County bike path in Queensbury. The COVID-19 memorial garden creates a space for Warren County residents to sit and reflect on those they have loved and lost. Peter's project exemplifies his deep commitment to improving his community.

Peter's dedication to his community is evident not only in his Eagle Scout achievement, but also in his engagement in music, arts, and school. Peter is an exemplary student who is also an accomplished musician in his school's jazz band and has had his artwork displayed in the Saratoga National Racing Museum.

Rising through the ranks to Eagle Scout requires dedication and perseverance, and Peter stands as an exemplar of that fact. His work is a strong indication of his exceptional leadership skills and commitment to service.

On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I would like to thank Peter for his contributions to the community and congratulate him on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. It is so important, now more than ever, that our youth learn the values of service to the community and nation. I am excited to see where Peter's bright future takes him.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF HOPE CAHILL

#### HON. TERESA LEGER FERNANDEZ

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 18, 2022*

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Ms. Hope Cahill of El Do-

rado Community School in Santa Fe for her incredible commitment to New Mexico's children, schools, and community.

The National Science Foundation (NSF) recently awarded Ms. Cahill the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST). The award program is administered by NSF on behalf of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy to recognize the invaluable contributions of exceptional K-12 science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and computer science teachers. It is the highest honor our nation can bestow to a math or science teacher.

Ms. Cahill, a 25-year resident of New Mexico, serves as an inspiration to not only her students but to her entire community with her dedication to the next generation of our nation's future leaders. She has received numerous other awards including the Teachers Who Inspire Award from the Santa Fe Partners in Education Foundation. She is also well known for her ability to incorporate writing and communication skills into her curriculum and for her work to inspire girls to pursue STEM education.

Describing teaching as a calling, not a profession, Ms. Cahill says that she wanted to be a teacher since she was a child and loves the way that science has the ability to engage her students. She of course incorporates New Mexico's incredible landscapes and geology into her lessons to excite students about both the beauty of science and the land of enchantment. Selflessly, Ms. Cahill extends credit and thanks to her colleagues, administrators, and family and professes that her greatest accomplishments are the students that she has "hooked" into science.

Ms. Cahill is a shining example of the passion and dedication that define our great state, and we are proud that she calls New Mexico home. I offer my congratulations to Ms. Miranda and thank her from the bottom of my heart for her contributions to the future of New Mexico—our youth.

#### ACKNOWLEDGING THE MOUNT LAUREL CUB SCOUT PACK 15

#### HON. ANDY KIM

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 18, 2022*

Mr. KIM of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the hard work and dedication shown by the Mount Laurel Cub Scout Pack 15.

During the holiday season, Pack 15 partnered with BookSmiles, a 501(c)(3) organization that collects and distributes books throughout New Jersey and the Greater Philadelphia area and have been serving our communities since September 2017. As a result of their efforts, Pack 15 collected more than 7,000 books—the largest single day book collection in BookSmiles's history.

I commend every member of Cub Scout Pack 15, their leaders Jeffrey A. Shaman and Daniel Pelaez, and the entire team at BookSmiles for accomplishing something that will benefit children, students, teachers, and parents throughout our community.